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Applicants: Robert B. Nilsen  
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Title: A LIGHT POLARIZER

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- ☒ Enclosed herewith is form PTO-1449:
  - ☒ Copies of the cited references are enclosed.
  - ☐ Copies of cited references are enclosed except those entered in prior application, U.S. Application No. [ ], to which priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 is claimed. [The earlier application contains copies of the cited references.]
  - ☐ The listed references were cited in the enclosed International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.
  - ☐ The "concise explanation" requirement (non-English references) for reference(s) [ ] under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is satisfied by:
    - ☐ the explanation provided on the attached sheet.
    - ☐ the explanation provided in the Specification.
    - ☐ submission of the enclosed International Search Report.
    - ☐ the enclosed English language abstract.

☐ Applicant requests that the following non-published pending applications be considered:

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\_\_\_\_ U.S. Patent Application No. [ ], by [inventor(s)], filed [ ], Docket No.: [ ]  
\_\_\_\_ U.S. Patent Application No. [ ], by [inventor(s)], filed [ ], Docket No.: [ ]  
\_\_\_\_ U.S. Patent Application No. [ ], by [inventor(s)], filed [ ], Docket No.: [ ]

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☐ A copy of each above-cited application, including the current claims, is enclosed.

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The Examiner is requested to return a copy of the above list of pending applications indicating which references were considered with the next office communication.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

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☐ A check for the fee noted above is enclosed, or the fee has been included in the check with the accompanying Reply. A copy of this Statement is enclosed.

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	AB	6,124,971	26 SEP 00	Ouderkirk, et al.	359	487	
	AC	6,084,714	04 JUL 00	Ushiyama, et al.	359	627	
	AD	6,081,376	27 JUN 00	Hansen, et al.	359	485	
	AE	6,072,628	06 JUN 00	Sarayedine	359	487	
	AF	6,031,665	29 FEB 00	Carlson, et al.	359	494	
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	AH	6,004,713	21 DEC 99	Urata, et al.	430	110	
	AI	5,991,077	23 NOV 99	Carlson, et al.	359	500	
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	AM	WO 00/57214	28 SEP 00	PCT			
	AN	WO 00/33122	08 JUN 00	PCT			
	AO	WO 00/22463	20 APR 00	PCT			
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	AB2	5,940,149	17 AUG 99	Vanderwerf	349	5	
	AC2	5,856,855	05 JAN 99	Mol, et al.	349	65	
	AD2	5,600,462	04 FEB 97	Suzuki, et al.	349	112	
	AE2	5,572,362	05 NOV 96	Shikama, et al.	359	487	
	AF2	5,559,634	24 SEP 96	Weber	359	638	
	AG2	5,394,253	28 FEB 95	Kelly	359	15	
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	AF3	2,432,484	09 DEC 47	Moulton	88	1	

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